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(U) Galt - Two Arrested for Attempted Murder of Police Officer

(U) A Galt Police Department Officer was shot at by a man on Saturday previously arrested on DUI charges, according to the Galt Police Department. The officer was on patrol when the officer recognized a vehicle belonging to a man previously arrested for DUI. According to the Galt Police Department, "The officer heard multiple gunshot rounds fired towards his direction and heard the bullets penetrate the ground near his immediate area." After requesting additional units for backup, the suspect fled. The officers pursued the man and were eventually able to stop him where they discovered a woman was riding with him. Both were taken into custody. The man was identified as Alejandro Reyes-Rios, 24, from Stockton, who was taken into the Sacramento County Jail under the charges of Attempted Homicide, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Conspiracy.

SOURCE: 23 October 2021, CBS 13

(U) Keyes - Deputies Seize More Than \$7 Million in Marijuana

(U) Deputies raided a suspected illegal narcotics operation near Keyes last week and seized more than 3.5-tons of processed marijuana. The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office says they've been investigating the target home for some time. Thursday morning, the sheriff's office says tactical teams raided the residence. More than 7,000-pounds of processed marijuana was found in in the home. In total, detectives say the street value of the drugs seized is believed to be more than \$7 million. No arrests have been made.

SOURCE: 22 October 2021, CBS 13

(U) San Diego - US Coast Guard Rescues 25 People Stranded Off Coast of San Diego

(U) A Coast Guard crew Friday morning came to the rescue of 25 passengers on a panga-style boat offshore San Diego's coast that had been stranded for three days. The passengers, including 23 Mexican nationals and two individuals from Guatemala, were later transferred to the custody of the US Customs and Border Protection, said Petty Officer Alex Gray. The passengers had told Coast Guard crew members that they had been at sea for about three days. When the Coast Guard reached the boat, it was about 100-miles offshore of Point Loma, Gray said.

SOURCE: 23 October 2021, The San Diego Union-Tribune

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida - AL-Qa'ida Senior Leader Killed in Drone Strike in Syria

(U) Tampa – The US military killed senior al-Qa'ida leader Abdul Hamid al-Matar in a drone strike in Syria on Friday, a US Central Command spokesman said. The strike comes two days after a US outpost in southern Syria was attacked. An official did not say if the US drone strike was carried out in retaliation. SOURCE: 22 October 2021, Reuters

(U) Texas – Sinaloa Cartel Members Found Guilty in Federal Court

(U) El Paso – A federal jury found two Sinaloa cartel members guilty of various charges, including trafficking drugs and firearms, and counts involving organized crime in the US and Mexico. Mario Iglesias

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Villegas, a former sicario also known as "the Grim Reaper" for the cartel, was found guilty of conspiracy of possessing narcotics, laundering money, racketeering, and conspiracy to kill and kidnap. Arturo Shows Urquidi, a former state policeman and drug trafficker for the cartel, of criminal enterprise, possessing drugs, laundering, and trafficking drugs and firearms. The court will now consider sentencing for the two cartel members.

SOURCE: 22 October 2021, KTSM

(U) Washington – Latest Russian Cyberattack Targeting Hundreds of US Networks

(U) Redmond – The Russian-based agency behind last year's massive SolarWinds cyberattack has targeted hundreds more companies and organizations in its latest wave of attacks on US-based computer systems, according to Microsoft. Microsoft, in a blog postdated 24 October, said Nobelium's latest wave targeted "resellers and other technology service providers" of cloud services. Those attacks were part of a broader campaign over the summer, adding it had notified 609 customers between 1 July and 19 October that they had been attacked. Just a small percent of the latest attempts was successful. SOURCE: 25 October 2021, Reuters

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Colombia – Police Arrest Cartel Leader

(U) Bogota – Dairo Antonio Usuga, known as Otoniel, Colombia's most sought after drug trafficker and leader of the Clan del Golfo, was captured Saturday during an operation carried out by the country's armed forces and military, police sources confirmed. Colombia had offered a reward of up to 3 billion pesos (\$800,000 USD) for information concerning Otoniel's whereabouts, while the US government had put up a reward of \$5 million for help in locating him. As well as drug trafficking, Clan del Golfo is involved with illegal mining, while the government accuses the group of threatening and killing community leaders across the country.

SOURCE: 23 October 2021, Reuters

(U) Mexico – Migrant Caravan Headed North Through Mexico

(U) Tapachula – Several thousand migrants from Haiti, South America, and Central America set off from southern Mexico headed north Saturday, clashing with law enforcement trying to hold the caravan back. Some people among the latest mass movement of migrants trying to pass north through Mexico said they hoped to eventually reach the US border, where the number of migrants trying to gain entry was already hitting new records. Some 3,000 people began trekking on foot on Saturday from the city of Tapachula near the Guatemala border toward Mexico's capital.

SOURCE: 23 October 2021, Reuters

(U) United Kingdom – Man Arrested by Police Investigating Manchester Terrorist Attack

(U) Manchester – Detectives investigating the Manchester Arena terrorist attack in 2017 have arrested a 24-year-old man. The suspect was detained Friday at Manchester airport on suspicion of engaging in the preparation of acts of terrorism and assisting others in acts of preparation under section 5 of the Terrorism Act (2006), Greater Manchester police said. The arrest is in relation to the bombing at the arena on the night of 22 May 2017 after an Ariana Grande concert in which 22 people were killed. SOURCE: 22 October 2021, The Guardian

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